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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Cruiser at Suez.

H.M.'s first class cruiser "Europa," arrived from Colombo and entered the Canal yesterday afternoon at 12.30 for Port Said.

A Charge of Fraud.

The Cairo Police have arrested Jacques Parigori, the employé of Mr. Zouari, the contractor, who is accused of having defrauded his employé of L.E. 300.

An American Failure.

The Knickerbocker Trust Co. of New York the failure of which was announced in yesterday's telegram was an establishment of considerable capital and reserve funds and its difficulties were not anticipated on this side of the water.

Railway Time-Tables.

The new time-tables of the Egyptian State Railways Service are on sale at the principal bookellers in Alexandria and Cairo, and at the booking offices of the most important stations, at the price of 20 and 10 millimes per copy respectively.

Accountant's Firm for Cairo.

We understand that Messrs. Waterhouse and Co., the well-known London firm of chartered accountants will shortly open a branch in Cairo. Mr. Boham Carter, brother to the Judicial Adviser to the Sudan Government, will act as their representative here.

The Brindisi Mail.

The mail from Europe via Port Said and Brindisi will be made up at the G.P.O. Alexandria, at 3.15 p.m. on Sunday 27th for ordinary correspondence, 2.15 p.m. for registered correspondence, midday for money orders and insured articles and at 6 p.m. on Saturday 26th for parcels.

Ophthalmic Congress.

The Council of Ministers has approved a credit of L.E. 500 in aid of an ophthalmic congress to be held in Cairo this year, and decided to grant the physicians, who will take part in it, the same privileges as were accorded to the members of the medical congress which was held in this capital a few years ago.

Stagnant Property Market.

A few days ago the Free State Lands Department put up to auction eleven lots of excellent land in the Behera Province. No great is the depression that there was only a single bid. Later the same Department had an auction of some plots of land at the Alexandria Governorate and not a single bidder put in an appearance.

Alexandria Swimming Club.

We would remind our readers that to-morrow there are two important races down for decision at Gabbart, about 4 p.m., viz the 100 yards juniors' championship for the silver cup presented by the captains of British ships visiting this port, and the 220 yard seniors' championship for silver cup presented by Prince Aziz Pasha Hassan. Members and friends should alight at the dock tramway halt.

QUEEN TEE'S MUMMY.

With reference to the visit of Mr. Theodore M. Davis to Egypt, where he intends to have what remains of the supposed mummy of Queen Tey thoroughly investigated, Professor Sayce writes to the "Times":—

"The historical difficulties seem to me to exclude the possibility of the body of a young man of twenty-five years of age being that of the 'Heretic King.' Moreover, if my copy of the inscription on the coffin is correct, it would have been 'made for the Queen' by Khun-Aten. I may, of course, have mis-copied the hieroglyphs in the obscure light of the tomb. Mr. Davis, however, confirms my reading. But as the coffin is now in the museum at Cairo, this is a point which can be cleared up at once.

"Personally, I agree with Dr. Elliot Smith in believing that the tomb has been restored by one of Khun-Aten's successors, since I do not see any other way of accounting to the fact (not otherwise noticed, apparently) that the clay tablets found in it commemorate the King and not his mother.

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AMERICAN FINANCIAL CRISIS.

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PITTSBURG EXCHANGE CLOSED

(Gazette's Special Service.)

London, Thursday.

The American financial crisis has developed into a panic.

Yesterday, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Cortelyou, Secretary to the Treasury, it was hoped that the worst was over.

The run on the New York Trust Company continued, but at the closing hour all depositors had been paid in full.

It is anticipated that the Trust Company will weather the storm.

Mr. Cortelyou says that he thinks the worst is over and expects that to-day will wind up the present episode.

There should not have been such trouble and excitement, there being no reason for these runs on banks and trust companies. In short, people have lost their heads.

As regards gold shipments to New York the opinion here this morning is hopeful and it is considered that they will not be necessary to any great extent.

All financial authorities realise the importance of maintaining the reserve in the Bank of England.

Receivers have been appointed for the Westinghouse allied companies.

The Pittsburg Stock Exchange was closed yesterday.

Should the panic extend throughout the states, then the consequences would be terribly serious.

So far, the London Stock Exchange has not been much affected and the commitments here are very small.

(Gazette's Special Service.)

LONDON, Friday.

The situation in America is getting better, but the crisis has not yet passed away. The assistance afforded by Mr. Cortelyou and the millionaires is much appreciated.

The Stock Exchange at Pittsburg still remains closed.

Yesterday's failures were unimportant.

GOODS TRAIN DERAILED

SERIOUS DELAY OF MAIL.

During the early hours of this morning a goods train on the Alexandria-Cairo line was derailed at Saft el Melouk by collision with a bale of cotton which had fallen from an earlier train. In consequence of this accident the night mail train from Cairo, which is due at Alexandria at 6 a.m., was delayed four and a half hours, while the trains due here at 9.15 and 11 a.m. did not arrive until 11.7 and 11.30 a.m. respectively. Though perhaps somewhat too early to pass an opinion, it seems to us that a derailment within such a short distance of Tantah, a divisional centre, should not have necessitated so long a delay of what is in reality the most important train of the day, inasmuch as it is the carrier of the heaviest mail. The delay of such a train seriously handicaps the work of all local business firms communicating with the capital, towns of the provinces, Upper Egypt and the Sudan and we trust that a strict enquiry will be made into the cause of the accident and the steps taken to clear the line.

PORTS AND LIGHTHOUSES ADMINISTRATION.

The action brought by Mr. Albert Simba, late Director of Stores of the Ports and Lighthouses Administration, at Alexandria, against the Egyptian Government is expected to come to a hearing next month. Mr. Simba claims that he has been unjustly dismissed from the service of the Government by the Committee of Enquiry and that the Government has no right to confiscate his pension. He also claims L.E. 1,000 damages and the public acknowledgment of his official integrity by the Government. Maître Mercier will represent the plaintiff.

THE MURDER OF KING.

Cannon was this morning brought before the British Consular Court on the charge of having murdered King, as reported in our issue of yesterday. Several witnesses from the "Baku Standard" were called and it was deposed by the captain that when he was called and examined King he considered him sober. The case will be brought before the Supreme Consular Court next month. At the inquest which was held yesterday the jury found that King, a fireman of Australian nationality, of the S.S. "Baku Standard," had met his death by a knife wound inflicted by Cannon. Dr. Morrison stated that death must have been almost instantaneous.

THE CALABRIAN EARTHQUAKE.

RELIEF MEASURES TAKEN

TERRIBLE LOSS OF LIFE

WHOLE TOWN DESTROYED

(Gazette's Special Service.)

London, Friday.

The latest reports of the earthquake in Southern Italy show that the loss of life and property throughout Calabria has been terrible. The Italian Government is sending pecuniary aid as well as material assistance to the sufferers.

200 persons are declared to have perished. The fine Cathedral at Gerace has been demolished and the town of Ferruzzano completely destroyed.

THE NATIONALIST PROGRAMME.

The following is the programme of Mustapha Pasha Kamel's clique as enunciated in his recent speech:—

1.—The autonomy of Egypt (or her internal independence) as established in 1840 by the treaty of London and guaranteed by imperial firmans. This autonomy guarantees the throne of Egypt to the descendants of Mohamed Ali and the internal independence of the country. It comprises all the countries given to Egypt by the Imperial firmans. This autonomy England has officially promised to respect.

2.—The institution of representative government, so that the governing authority may be responsible to a Parliament, possessing authority like that of European parliaments.

3.—The respect of treaties and financial conventions which bind the Egyptian government to pay its debts and to accept a financial control like the Anglo-French condominium, so long as Egypt remains the debtor of Europe and Europe demands this control.

4.—The outspoken criticism of all ill courses and actions, the recognition and encouragement of the good, and the demonstration to the Government of the interests of the nation, of its desires and the reforms of which it stands in need.

5.—The furtherance and spreading of education throughout the entire country on a strongly national basis, so that the poor may have the largest share, war against errors and stupidities, the propagation of sound religious principles which inculcate progress and the incitement of the rich and influential to aid education by founding universities, by sending missions to Europe and by creating night schools for the working classes.

6.—The development of agriculture, industry, commerce, and all the branches of social life, in order to enable the nation to win scientific and economic independence.

7.—The enlightenment of the minds of the Egyptians regarding the present situation, the propagation of the national spirit, the incitement of union and harmony between the two elements of the nation, the Mussulmans and the Copts, the indication of the duties incumbent on all towards their country and the accomplishment of these duties while taking care to assure peace and security in every nook and corner of Egypt.

8.—The encouragement and assistance of every useful project and the amelioration of the sanitary conditions now prevailing, so that the inhabitants may increase in numbers and in that manner augment the strength of the nation.

9.—The development of the bonds of union and friendship between Egyptians and the foreign colonists, the effacement of all misunderstanding and the judging of foreign nationals by the Mixed Courts.

10.—The strengthening of the ties of friendship of attachment between Egypt and the Ottoman Empire, the development of the relations of friendship and confidence between Egypt and the European Powers, the refutation of all accusations framed against Egypt, and the winning over to the national cause of partisans everywhere, so that they may constitute a superior moral force, helping the nation to gain recognition by others of its legitimate rights and to foil the attempts made against its interests to hide the truth.

MILITARY NOTES.

Lewn Assef Pasha, Lewn Hunter Pasha, Miral Stanton Bey, Kaimakam Amery Bey, and Kaimakam Wilson Bey have left Cairo for the Sudan.

Brevet Col. A. W. Roper, C.R.E. in Egypt, has arrived at Alexandria on temporary duty. The headquarters 1st Bn. Royal Dublin Fusiliers will leave Alexandria on 27th inst. en route to Khartoum.

2nd Lieut. W. P. B. Fraser, 2nd Bn. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, has been appointed Aide-de-Camp to the G.O.C. in Egypt.

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WILFRED SCARVEN BLUNT

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "EGYPTIAN GAZETTE."

Dear Sir,—How angry we all get here at the mention of Mr. Wilfred Blunt's name. We call him a liar, a traitor to his country, a Little Englander and all sorts of inharmonious things.

And now his book, which, by the way, you describe in your issue of Wednesday, as a lasting disgrace to the hand that penned it, if we try to read it in an extra-parochial spirit shall we not find that, after all, however mistaken Mr. Blunt may have been, in our opinion, as to the merit of the movement at the head of which Arabi Pasha found himself, he was, at least, perfectly sincere, perfectly disinclined, absolutely untiring in his efforts to win what he thought to be recognised as the inalienable cry for freedom of an oppressed people and that, after Tel el Kebir, he did not spare himself in his efforts to see that fairplay, of which we English claim the monopoly, was obtained for Arabi.

And whilst we gather round the village pump perhaps somebody from the great world will step by and beg us bear in mind that Mr. Wilfred Blunt, the poet the dreamer, the distinguished litterateur was in 1881 and 1882, the period in connection with which, we here, can hardly think of him without grinning of teeth, was in London society, a prominent figure and a much sought after guest in houses, where, had he been the blood-stained traitor of our imagination, he would surely not have been admitted.

Having realised this, it may help us to a more humane view of Mr. Wilfred Blunt and we may even come to recognise him as a benefactor and erect statues to Arabi Pasha and himself in our market place, because, after all, should we be here to-day, filling lucrative posts and making our fortunes on the Bourse if it were not for Arabi Pasha and his zealous supporter Mr. Wilfred Scarven Blunt.

Yours faithfully

Alfred Lambert

Sheikh Obeid Garden, October 24

THE "EGYPTIAN STANDARD"

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "EGYPTIAN GAZETTE." Sir,—The recent extraordinary revolutions on the staff of the "Egyptian Standard" deserve some notice especially as considerable mystery appears to be connected with the position of Mr. Rody, the editor of Mustapha Pasha Kamel's English organ. That newspaper in its issue of Sunday last made the following announcement:—

"The rumours circulated by certain papers that Mr. Charles Rody had resigned his position on the staff of the 'Egyptian Standard' are unfounded."

The French edition of Kamel's organ on the same day declared:—

"La seule modification apportée à la rédaction de notre confrère anglais consiste dans la nomination de Osman Effendi Sabri comme secrétaire responsable. La direction a permis que la responsabilité d'un journal égyptien devait appartenir à une personnalité égyptienne. Mais la situation de M. C. Rody n'est nullement modifiée. Il les notes toutes ces conférences mal informées dont certains sont peu nombreux et dont tel se plaint à des attaques ordurières, valent tout juste la peine d'un démenti catégorique."

Yet another French newspaper in an article on Mr. Rody remarks:—

"Nous ne sommes pas étourdis des mauvais procédés dont il est victime. Nous pourrions nous réjouir de la détermination de Mustapha Kamel qui le prive d'un collaborateur intelligent et actif si nous n'avions à apprécier comme elles le méritent la courtoisie parfaite et la bonne camaraderie d'un confrère qui a su s'acquiescer de tous ceux qu'il a approchés. Et nous tenons à protester contre les procédés brutaux de ces politiciens prétentieux qui se servent de l'empire et du talent des autres et qui ne savent même pas les récompenser de leur dévouement par quelques égards."

What is the exact position of affairs? M. Saint Ogan, the editor of the Pasha's French paper, went off very soon after his appointment and now mysterious developments appear to have arisen in regard to the editor of his English organ. Is the Pasha alone responsible for these changes and have the shareholders in the "Standard" no voice at all in the matter? It seems as though the object of the Pasha is to make a nice little family party in these concerns, all his relations being put into positions. There is first of all Kamel as Director. Then we have his brother, Ali Bey Fahmy, Manager of "Al Lewa." The Pasha has now appointed his brother in law, Osman Effendi Sabri, as "responsible secretary" of the "Standard" and put his English editor, Mr. Rody, in a position of inferiority to this man. It is rumoured in the porticoes of the Sharia el Dawarah that the Pasha is contemplating the appointment of another of his brothers, Hassan Bey Fahmy, who so it is said, will replace Mr. Maloney on the "Standard" at an early date. These persons are paid by the shareholders in the "Standard" and it seems an excellent business for the Kamel family but what about the dividends?

I am, Sir,

Truly yours

"AN ENQUIRER"

Cairo, October 22

RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "EGYPTIAN GAZETTE." Sir,—I am an ardent reader of your wide-spread paper. Amongst the important articles

I often read I encountered lately the name of Mr. Dunlop, the Adviser to the Minister of Education. This gentleman has been attacked by some people that seem to be persistent to their old habits and, consequently, are adverse to seeing the position of young Egyptians bettered in the future.

From the short time of my staying in this country, I see that other reforms are urgently needed and this time in the Egyptian State Railways. I am in possession of a printed time-table and strange it may seem to be that it obliges me to refer to my friends or to ask either my servant, a barber, or to stop some individual in the streets just to explain to me the names of the different stations, mostly those where I happen to be proceeding. The time-table in question, allow me to mention, is a puzzle in itself and a laughing stock to both Britishers and some foreigners English speaking, most especially to the innumerable tourists flocking in this country every winter, all the year round.

I remember last year of having met in a train de Luxe an American gentleman with his lady and a young lady. The former was perusing a railway time-table. Nearly during the whole of the journey he criticised in a most shameful way the wording of the names of the stations therein included. My whole blood rushed into my face and so vehemently I became that for the respect of his skin I would have run at him. However, I succeeded, through my impetuous stares, to attract him and so sooner I explained to him with studied polite manners how the Anglo-French matter of affairs stand in this country, that it takes some time before the sole English language would be definitely installed all round. Of his criticisms I mention the most important one, where he said there are no Britishers employed in the railways and if these really exist they are of such a low class and breed that if donkeys would be put in their stead they would cut a better figure. He was talking of the fine donkeys he saw in this country before he produced the time-table. Undoubtedly his lady and co. burst in a loud laugh and boisterously, and it was here that I intruded.

My intention of writing to you this time is to attract the attention of that official in charge of the Department where time tables and names of stations are issued. Perhaps it would be better that a brother or a kin or another Mr. Dunlop be installed there.

Believe me,

Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully

A FRIEND OF MR. DUNLOP.

CAIRO, OCTOBER 18

THE PORT SAID INCIDENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "EGYPTIAN GAZETTE."

Sir,—By the present I desire to endorse the opinion of your correspondent "Cairine" regarding the dastardly assault on an Englishwoman at Port Said by a guide. Accepting the report of your Port Said correspondent as accurate in detail it is indeed a disgrace to the British community of that town that the man is again at work to repeat such crimes, doubtless and in good health. In the event of no action being taken by the authorities, the British community, had it been worthy of the greatest nation of the world, would have taken the law into their own hands and administered the severest thrashing to the blackguard, and would have refused to allow him to continue work in any way dealing with the public. Also what have the so-called British community done as regards the order of the shop?—Yours truly

ALEXANDRIAN AND BRITISHER

Alexandria, October 24

A TASTEFUL HANDBOOK ON EGYPT

"Things seen in Egypt," by Mr. Clive Holand, which Messrs. Seeley & Co. have just published will, we think, be found a very acceptable volume by visitors to Egypt during the ensuing season. It contains a brightly written, and not too wordy, description of the varied features to be found here, with carefully summarised accounts of the historical objects. The author, it is quite evident, fell under the spell of the country, and his language is that of the enthusiast. He becomes somewhat melancholy when referring to the many changes brought by the introduction of western ideas has brought, but we cannot agree when he says that, in common with the old order of things, the spirit of Egypt will in time pass away. In the towns modern conditions may supplant ancient customs, but the old world spirit of the Land of the Pharaohs will remain.

The "innovations" are the inevitable counter part of a new regime which has brought in its train untold blessings for the people of Egypt. From the aesthetic standpoint they may be regretted, in the same way that Englishmen refer to the "good old days," the actual return to which they would be the last to desire.

The book is of a handy size, nicely bound, and is illustrated with fifty excellent photographs. It is published at 2/-.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Papyrus liner "Britannia" sailed last night for Liverpool with 6,806 bales of cotton. The Moss liner "Seti" arrived at Liverpool this morning.

The S.S. "Carb Prince" with passengers and general cargo, left Malia on the 24th inst. and is due to arrive at Alexandria on Monday, the 28th inst.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

A Cairo newspaper states that Miral Hopkinson Bey, Commandant of Police at Alexandria will, at no distant date, be transferred to Cairo to replace Mansfield Pasha as Commandant of Cairo Police.

George Nangovich Bey will arrive at Alexandria from Marseille on Monday next by the Nord-Orientale Lloyd steamer.

Mr. Wynch, who has for the past seven years been manager of the Khartoum branch of the National Bank of Egypt, has resigned his position. The management will, for the present, be carried on by Mr. Atkinson.

The engagement is announced of Mr. H. J. Temple, of the Bank of Egypt, to Miss Silverter, of Cairo.

Among the latest arrivals at Mont Housse Hotel are: Colonel and Mrs. Endlow, Mr. Lionel Durnford, Mr. W. B. Christie, Judge and Mrs. Ladd, Mrs. G. B. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Butterworth, Mr. S. Nevin. The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, the Earl and Countess of Grafton, Lady Thos. Ashurst, and Sir Charles Harcourt have also reserved rooms at Mont Housse.

CRIME IN EGYPT.

The native Press is devoting a great deal of discussion to the subject of the increase of crime in Egypt. "Al Wasat" remarks:—

We find with the most profound regret that Egypt has become a notable exception to the rule of nations through the ever-increasing number of crimes year after year. Even India which is now practically in a state of anarchy amounting to a serious mutiny shows an improvement and cannot be considered as marching onward in its criminal career. So is Russia which has been for many years undergoing a revolutionary upheaval showing signs of a slow return to the normal conditions of social life. But Egypt is still on the high road to anarchy and ruin. Who does not remember this last without a pang of sorrow and regret?

There are so many reasons to this delinquency that we can only refer to one such line as we write on this subject. The inefficiency of the Parquet stands, of course, first and foremost by the admission of every newspaper and every thinking expert in the country. But among the secondary causes for this growth in criminal tendencies the treatment of prisoners may be a very important one. Here we wish to be upon helping all prisoners to become criminals of the desperate class by our chief system of housing all offenders under the same roof and treating them all in the same manner. We have no difference between a political offender or a misguided miscreant and the murderer or forger as far as the treatment of prisoners is concerned. Compare our prison system in this respect with the English system and you will at once understand why the present crisis in Egypt is growing in horror from day to day. The other day Mr. Wallace, K.C. made the following statements at the opening of the Clerkenwell Sessions.

"I am happy to say," he said, "that there has been a general diminution in crime. Some 30,000 fewer persons were sent to prison in the last twelve months than in the previous year. That is a matter of congratulation for every law-abiding subject in the kingdom."

"One of the causes is the great effort made to prevent first offenders sinking into the ranks of hardened criminals. Instead of persons being sent to goal which often develops them into criminals, they have been directed to start again, and many of them have become reputable citizens."

"The Probation of First Offenders Act," he continued, "extends the power of the courts in the direction in which they have been endeavouring, as far as possible, to see that it is now to be given to all courts, not merely to bachelors or to come up for judgment, but also to make special orders in regard to them."

"An instance is the appointment of what I may call a judicial guardian, a probation officer, whose duty it will be to watch over those bound over, to advise and help them and, if possible to obtain work for them. The greatest difficulty of many of those appearing in the dock is that it is almost impossible for them to get honest employment when the stigma of crime has been attached to them."

"From the beginning of next year every court will have an officer attached to it whose duty it will be to visit and report with regard to first offenders."

Seeing that our prisoners are all huddled together and that the habitual criminals are allowed to imbue those who are sentenced to prison for the first time with their own wretched principles, and remembering the fact that many an innocent person is here sent to prison through the notorious defects of our judicial system and the deplorable inefficiency of those who administer justice, it is wonderful that our criminals grow in audacity and numbers from year to year!

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TELEGRAMS.

THE RAILWAY CRISIS.

A CHAIRMAN'S MANIFESTO

LONDON, October 24.
The Chairman of the Great Eastern Railway in a manifesto absolutely refuses to recognise the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants. He says that most of the employees are non-unionists and desire to be protected from the tyranny of an irresponsible body. He declares that the demand for recognition is the first move in a deep laid socialistic campaign against individualism and capital. (Reuter)

LONDON, October 24.
It is generally assumed that the manifesto of the Great Eastern Railway represents the decision of the Companies as a whole. Mr. Bell complains that it has made the position of Mr. Lloyd George most awkward if he desires to offer conciliatory proposals. (Reuter)

THE CALABRIA EARTHQUAKE

COLLAPSE OF A CATHEDRAL

THE POPE'S GRIEF

ROME, October 24.
The earthquake in Calabria has caused widespread damage and a general panic. A number of people have been killed or injured. The authorities are despatching assistance to the stricken towns and villages.

Later reports show that many villages in Calabria have been ruined or half ruined. The ancient cathedral of Gerace, containing works of art, collapsed during the earthquake. The Pope was much grieved at the news and is sending money for the homeless. (Reuter)

REBIO, October 24.
Seismic shocks were felt yesterday throughout Calabria, causing a great panic and much destruction. Feruzzano has been destroyed. It is reckoned that 200 persons have been killed and 400 injured. (Havas)

NEW YORK CRISIS

MR. CORTELYOU TO THE RESCUE

NEW YORK, October 24.
Mr. Cortelyou, Secretary of the Treasury, has arrived here to endeavour to restore confidence regarding the financial situation. He conferred with the bankers and issued a statement that the Treasury would use its facilities to assist legitimate business. He declared that the position of the National Banks was exceptionally strong. It is stated that the Trust Company of America has already been granted liberal assistance and has 12,000,000 dollars to meet its payments to day. (Reuter)

NEW YORK, October 24.
Mr. Cortelyou deposited 10,000,000 dollars with the local banks to-day. This steadied the market which closed active and irregular. The Trust Company of America successfully withstood the run upon it until closing.

The situation here is little short of a panic. The Knickerbocker Trust Co. will suspend payments until an official examination of its position has been completed. (Reuter)

PITTSBURGH, October 24.
Receivers have been appointed for the Westing House Electric and Westing House Machine Companies.

The Stock Exchange has been closed at the request of the local clearing house. (Reuter)

NEW YORK, October 24.
The Presidents of the New York City Companies have appointed a committee similar to the bank and clearing house to assist companies in applying for help. Mr. Pierpont Morgan will co-operate with them. Mr. Rockefeller has arranged to lend largely to financial institutions.

The Hamilton Bank with deposits of 7,000,000 dollars, the Twelfth Bank with deposits of 3,000,000 and the Empire and City Savings Bank with deposits of 3,000,000 have suspended payment.

Runs continue on the Dollar Savings Bank and Trust Company of America but all demands have been met. The market opened strong and buoyant on the intervention of the big financiers, but later relapsed below yesterday's prices. (Reuter)

PITTSBURGH, October 24.
Receivers have been appointed for the Iron City Trust Company which has deposits of 1,700,000 dollars. The market still remains closed. (Reuter)

TELEGRAMS.

LONDON BANK RATE.

UNAFFECTED BY CRISIS

LONDON, October 24.
The bank rate remains unchanged. The consensus of opinion is that the London market has remarkably withstood the influence of the New York troubles showing that it has rid itself of American speculative commitments. (Reuter)

WRECK OF STEAMER.

SUNK ALONGSIDE WHARF

VANCOUVER, October 24

The "Empress of China" has sunk alongside the wharf here. The afterhold and engine room are flooded. (Reuter)

ALCOHOL IN AFRICA.

ACCEPTANCE OF NEW REGULATIONS

PARIS, October 24

The Chamber has approved the 1906 Brussels International Convention revising the law of spirituous liquors in Africa. (Havas)

AN ANONYMOUS LETTER.

SHIPS ENSIGN SEIZED

LONDON, October 24

As the result of an anonymous letter to Mr. Thomson offering photographs of secret documents the ensign of the vessel "Ulm" has been seized. (Havas)

IMPORTANT POLITICAL CASE.

BERLIN, October 24

The case of Count von Moltke against Mr. Harden concerning the Emperor's entourage has produced a great impression. (Havas)

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

ALEXANDRIA.

- October
Fri. 25 San Stefano Casino Grand Symphony Concert Every afternoon at 5.30 p.m.
Windsor Hotel. Open Air Concert by the Ludwig-Richter orchestra 6 p.m. to midnight.
Alhambra Theatre Italian Dramatic Company "Una Moglie Onesta" 9.30 p.m.
Fronton "Jai Alai" Polo Basque 9.30 p.m.
Urbanora Cinematographic Entertainment 6.30 and 9.30 p.m.
Cinematograph Aziz and Docks, old Ramleh Station 6.30 & 9.30
Pathé Cinematographic entertainment 6.30 and 9.30 p.m.
Bains du Mex. Balloon Ascents every Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday Two Orchestras Last train 1 a.m.
Tour Eiffel Variety Entertainment 9.30.
Sat. 26 A.S.C. Skye Meeting 3 p.m.
Saint Andrew Football Club A Team versus B Team on Victoria College ground 4.30 p.m.
Mustapha Range British Rifle Club (Alex.) Final competition for Cups, Spoons, etc. 2.30 p.m.
Alexandria Swimming Club 100 yards Juniors and 220 yards Seniors Championships Gabbari 4 p.m.

CAIRO.

- October
Fri. 25 Cinematograph Pathé Alhambra Theatre World's Royal D. Lionists.
Non-Rescue Theatre Variety entertainment.
Garden Theatre French Comedy.
Sun. 27 Zoological Gardens Ghuzeh Boy Band Afternoon.

THE EGYPTIAN ELEPHANT.

One of the most remarkable discoveries in paleontology of recent years has been the solution of the problem of the origin of the elephant and a great deal of interest therefore attaches to the recent discovery in the Fayum of the "beast of Lake Moeria, the Meritherium which represents the very act of transition from an ordinary typical mammal into the nascent form of an elephant, and the Palaeomastodon, the direct forerunner of the elephants. In the year 1899 paleontology had advanced to such a point that the origin of many families was known, but there remained in doubt the group of elephants, certainly the most paradoxical in structure of all quadrupeds, and appearing in the Lower Miocene period, both in Europe and North America, fully formed, as if from the sky or by a fiat of the Creator. No one knew whence they came nor how their remarkable characters had evolved. There were great unexplored regions in Asia, the history of China was unknown, and many writers were looking to the Orient for an answer to this question.

Mr. Henry Osborn, an American, in the year 1900 ventured on a prophecy which placed the original home of the elephants and of several other great groups in Africa. At the time it seemed a curious fact that this possible theater of evolution of mammals had not been sufficiently considered. Following the initial suggestions of Huxley, most writers were talking of the invasion of Africa from the north by animals of European or Asiatic origin, and few seemed to have in mind the possibility of a reversed current, namely, of the invasion of Europe Asia, and North America by animal originating in Africa.

According to this theory of Mr. Osborn's Africa in early geological times was a great centre of independent evolution, that, after its long isolation by the sea, when the trans-Mediterranean land routes were formed, successive waves of animals migrated northward and poured into Europe and Asia, driven out, perhaps, as man is driven out, by surplus population, that there seemed to be evidence in Europe of three such chief waves of life from Africa, and that prominent among the quadrupeds were the mastodons, ancestors of the great family of elephants.

Thus, if the paleontology of Africa could be known, the problem of the origin of the elephants might be solved.

So long ago as 1879, the German explorer Schweinfurth had obtained in the Fayum desert some bones of the great whale-like animal named *Ziphioides*, which swam along the Mediterranean shores during the Eocene period. In 1898 came the first evidence of the existence of land animals and in 1901, when Mr. Beadnell was accompanied by Dr. C. W. Andrews of the British Museum, the discovery of land animals in the Fayum desert was announced. It has proved to be epoch making, marking a turning-point in our knowledge of the history of the earth, and arousing such widespread interest that for the time north Africa becomes the storm centre of paleontology. Between 1901 and 1905 the exploration and collection of these fossils continued under Messrs Beadnell and Andrews. The unexpected discovery succeeded another Africa, far from being a continent parasitic upon Europe, was proved to be a partly independent, but chiefly independent centre of a highly varied life, a great breeding place not only of animals which subsequently wandered into Europe, but of animals belonging to types hitherto unknown and undreamed of.

At the beginning of this year Mr. Osborn arrived at Alexandria in charge of a mission despatched by the American Museum of Natural History and in this month's "Century Magazine" he gives a description of the work of the expedition in the Fayum.

EGYPT 200,000 YEARS AGO

The expedition was very successful in its discoveries of relics of the Palaeomastodon and the Meritherium. Mr. Osborn gives the following picture of Eocene Egypt 200,000 years ago.

We believe from evidence of many different kinds that all of North Africa at that remote time was comparatively well watered, chiefly because our present glimpses of the life, as known from the fossilized remains, included no desert living animals whatever, but exclusively animals which might have lived in a fairly well watered delta or estuary country bordering the sea, partly open, partly wooded, but not densely forested, with stretches of sandy plains or muddy and clayey bottom-lands traversed by large streams, with currents of considerable velocity. As Beadnell observes, the enormous quantities of aliofied wood which occur among these sands, and the hundreds of trees of great length and girth, together with the numerous remains of land animals as well as of crocodiles, turtles, and tortoises, indicate that rivers of considerable size emerged from the land to the south. While the trunks of the trees may have been floated a long distance, for the branches are all torn off, the perfect contours of the bones of the animals prove that they had not been transported very far.

The country was certainly not heavily forested, however, because the close proximity of the sea, as well as the number of very large animals, precludes the existence of a continuous and densely tropical forest in the immediate environment. Large quadrupeds cannot find food in the shade of a dense forest, they need the food which is developed on the ground by sunlight. Even now in the thick forests of

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the Congo both the hippopotamus and the elephant are dwarfed in size as compared with those of eastern Africa.

We judge of the nature of the soil from the structure of the limbs and feet. In contrast with the finely drawn limbs of the desert animals of modern Libya, the animals of Eocene Libya had feet fitted for walking on soft if not moist and sinking ground. Thus the soil of the period was certainly not dry hard, although it was partly sandy. There are, however, some evidences of the proximity of great stretches of dry land because we find giant land tortoises (*Tortosa eminea*, named after the Egyptian god Ammon) resembling those of Madagascar. There were also giant pythons (*Gigantophis*) thirty feet in length. There were ostrich-like birds, but they have been partly forest-dwellers, like the emus of New Zealand.

So far, therefore, as animals mirror their surroundings, Eocene Libya was a savannah country, partly open, partly thicketed or jungled, partly forested, of about the same temperature as to-day, fairly well watered, and subject to occasional freshets and floodings from the south. Such a general picture of the landscape may at least be drawn from the discoveries of the Egyptian Survey.

THE FAYOUM ELEPHANTS MARCH

The world-wide march of the Egyptian Elephant from its old home began in the lower Miocene and Pliocene when Africa ceased to be a great island and the elevation of the bottom of the Mediterranean Sea formed one land bridge after another, and the great exodus from pent up Africa began. The sea-cows, the giant conies, the mastodons, and several other African autochthones entered Europe in great numbers.

What the results would have been if the elephants had been released from Africa in an earlier stage of evolution can only be guessed at, but that they were superbly equipped for foreign travel and conquest when they actually did emerge is absolutely demonstrated. As secure as the Romans with their phalanxes and their legions, these quadrupeds marched over one or other of the land bridges as soon as they were formed. They suddenly appeared in the lower Miocene of Europe in the vicinity of modern Paris. The race spread so fast and multiplied so rapidly in the Northern Hemisphere that in the Middle Miocene they reached the geographical point to North America now known as eastern Colorado. By the upper Miocene, or perhaps earlier, they were found in Texas and Mexico. Most opportunely in the Lower Pliocene the Isthmus of Panama rose out of the sea, connecting North and South America, which had been separated for an enormously long period, and the mastodons invaded South America, and, following the line of the Andes, pushed as far south as the Pampean region.

As time went on, the elephants began to evolve and replace the mastodons in various parts of the world. Their geographical range, which extended from the British Isles all over Europe, along the northern shores of Siberia, into Texas and Mexico, is equally marvelous in the whole history of creation no other animal, with the single exception of the horse, accomplished such feats of travel.

THE COTTON MARKET.

KEARLEY AND CUNNINGHAM'S WEEKLY REPORT

LIVERPOOL, October 17

There is no improvement in the demand for Spot Egyptians. Spinners continue to buy from hand to mouth and quotations of Brown are reduced $\frac{1}{4}$ and uppers $\frac{1}{4}$ @ $\frac{1}{2}$ pils. for the week.

In Futures a fairly active business has been put through, and the following are the latest quotations—
Oct. 9.62 Jan. 9.57 Apr. 9.56 July 9.58
Nov. 9.63 Feb. 9.57 May 9.56
Dec. 9.60 Mar. 9.57 June 9.57

American Futures The Market opened this week rather depressed and weak, showing that the predicted frost cables had failed. The "Bearish" character of some of the private cables, together with a sharp break in the New York and New Orleans markets had rather a depressing influence. Towards the middle of the week light frosts were reported from the Memphis districts, and some sections of Alabama and Arkansas, which, together with some large orders supposed to be for Continental account, put up prices. The improvement was not of long duration however, for cables reporting warmer weather caused a collapse, and the market closed quiet at 4 points advance for near, and 11 points decline for distant, on the week.

It is very difficult to gauge the situation for just now the financial position in many countries is in such an unsettled state. The crop news is generally considered satisfactory, but actual cotton is not being offered freely. The latest values are, delivery—
October 5.16 Jan./Feb. 5.92 May/June 5.86
Oct./Nov. 6.04 Feb./Mar. 5.91 June/July 5.85
Nov./Dec. 5.90 Mar./Apr. 5.84 July/Aug. 5.83
Dec./Jan. 5.84 April/May 5.87

ARMY AND NAVY.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

London, October 18th

Instructions have been issued to push recruiting for the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers—the 1st Battalion of which is in Crete, and the 2nd Battalion, at Cairo—throughout the North Irish Grouped Regimental District.

Major A.G. Fraser has just retired from the 2nd Battalion King's Own Scottish Borderers, Glasgow, after spending nearly 30 years in the service. He was with the Borderers in the 'Mital Campaign, 1895, was attached to the Egyptian Army for some time, shared in the Nile Expedition, 1898, including the battle of Khartoum, and commanded a company in the 1st Battalion during the South African War.

The vacant majority has gone to Captain D.R. Sladen, D.S.O., adjutant of 1st Volunteer Battalion, Melrose, an appointment which he now vacates. Major Sladen gets his spurs at a little over 19 years' service, and he has seen a lot of active service in the Sudan, 1898-99, North West Frontiers of India, 1897-98 in the course of which he was wounded, and earned his decoration, and with the 1st Battalion in South Africa he was present at numerous actions, including those of Paardeberg, Poplar Grove, Karoo Siding, Vet River, Zand River, Johannesburg, Pretoria and Zilikat's Nek.

It has been ordered that the recruits enlisted for the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons, Cairo, must be between the ages of 19 and 25, except in the case of boys.

It is told that field marshal's baton will be conferred by the King on Sir John French he vacates the Aldershot Command next month. Sir John is not the senior of his rank, Lord Kitchener, Lord Grenfell, Lord Methuen, Sir Archibald Hunter and many other distinguished soldiers taking precedence and seniority of him. Of course this would mean the passing over of these distinguished officers for the time being, but there is a precedent for that in the cases of Sir George White, V.C., and Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C. The senior general on the active list is Lord Kitchener of Khartoum, the Indian Commander in Chief.

The first-class battleship "Goliath," which is undergoing a thorough refit at Portsmouth at an authorized expenditure of £48,419, is to be ready for the pennant by the end of January next. Her sister battleship "Canopus," which will be taken in hand at Portsmouth next month, and a sum of £25,498 expended upon her, is to be ready for sea by the end of March. Both these battleships are destined for the Mediterranean Fleet, in which they will replace the two "Formidables" in accordance with the decision of the Admiralty already announced in these notes. The "Goliath" was completed for sea in 1900, and was commissioned in that year for service on the China Station, on which she spent three years. Returning home in 1903, she was again commissioned by Captain Kingsford in June, 1905, for another turn on the same station, she was recalled whilst at Colombo, and sent to the Mediterranean Fleet, with which she served till January, 1906, when she was transferred to the Channel Fleet. The "Canopus" spent her maiden commission on the Mediterranean Station, 1899-1903, and she, too, was on her way to the China Station, along with the "Goliath," when she was recalled for service with the Atlantic Fleet, June, 1905. The ships of the "Canopus" type are smaller than the "Formidables," and their armament is not so strong, but they have a slight advantage in the matter of speed. The "Goliath" and "Canopus" will be manned by 750 of all ranks as private ships. In service circles, the weakening of the battle squadron of the Mediterranean Fleet by the withdrawal of the "Formidables" does not meet with unqualified approval.

Vice Admiral Sir Arthur W. Moore, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., C.M.G., commanding the China Squadron and the Eastern Fleet, has just been promoted to the rank of admiral. Admiral Moore has had a distinguished career since he joined the senior service as a cadet nearly 47 years ago, and his services in that period have been many and varied. He was commander of the battleship "Orion" during the Egyptian War, 1882, was at the occupation of Ismailia, and subsequently commanded the flotilla on the Sweet Water canal for the conveyance of the sick and wounded, participated in the battle of Tel el Kebir and other affairs (mentioned in despatches, medal with clasp, Khedive's star, 3rd class Medjidieh and promoted captain); was one of the British representatives at the Anti Slavery Congress, Brussels, 1889; rendered very valuable service in the preparation of a scheme of defence for Australasia, 1892 (C.M.G.); was A.D.C. to the Queen, 1895; was given the C.B. at the Diamond Jubilee, and commanded the Cape Squadron during the latter phases of the Boer War, his services in that direction earning for him the best thanks of Lord Kitchener, and the K.C.B. Sir Arthur will vacate the command of the China Squadron on promotion to full flag rank.

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